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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS ON CYPRUS AND ARMS EMBARGO

1. MAJOR TOPIC IN ALL TURKISH PRESS FOR TUESDAY (OCT. 14) IS CONTINUING COVERAGE OF 12 OCTOBER ELECTIONS. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, MODERATELY LEFT CUMHURİYET CARRIED A NICOSIA-DATELINED ITEM REPORTING ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TOLD THE PRESS THAT SECSTATE KISSINGER HAS PROMISED HIM THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD EXERT ALL HER INFLUENCE TO GET TURKEY TO SOFTEN HER STAND ON CYPRUS.

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2. ALSO ON SUNDAY, HURRIYET, IN AN ANKARA SLUGGED ITEM, SAID

REPORTS REACHING THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATED THAT U.S. CONGRESSMEN HAD BEEN VISITING THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TRYING TO EXERT "PRESSURE." HURRIYET SAID THE CONGRESSMEN WERE AMONG THOSE WHO WORKED FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. THEY REPORTEDLY URGED THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO SETTLE THE REFUGEE ISSUE ON CYPRUS AND TO CONSIDER THE SPEEDY REOPENING OF THE AMERICAN BASES IN TURKEY. THE UNAMED CONGRESSMEN REPORTEDLY HAD INFORMED THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT SOME CONGRESSMEN MAY TRY TO INTRODUCE RESTRICTIONS ON TURKISH ARMS PURCHASES WHEN THE FOREIGN AID BILL COMES UP FOR CONSIDERATION IN NOVEMBER UNLESS PROGRESS IS MADE.

3. IN A COMMENTARY TUESDAY IN CONSERVATIVE SON HAVADIS ON REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRPERSON ECEVIT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ARMS EMBARGO AND THE POPPY ISSUE, SELCUK ERDEM WROTE: "...ACCORDING TO ECEVIT, THE UNITED STATES, WHILE LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO PARTIALLY, HAS SET FORTH CONDITIONS CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF POPPY PLANTING. THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT MAKE ANY COMMENT ON THIS STATEMENT....WELL, LET'S TALK MR. ECEVIT. THE U.S. CONGRESS DID NOT SET FORTH ANY CONDITIONS REGARDING THE CONTROL OF POPPIES WHILE LIFTING THE EMBARGO. THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION IS IN OUR HANDS. IT DOES NOT HAVE SUCH A STIPULATION. IT ONLY EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND PRESIDENT FORD..."
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